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PATENT
CASE NO.: 8627/096 (PA-5245-RFB)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Fred T. Parker)	Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha
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Serial No.: 09/815,567)	Group Art Unit: 3751
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Filed: March 23, 2001)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.